

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed guests.  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> were approved by MOTION of Mr. Olson and Mrs. Hayes, all ayes.

## RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2006

## **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS**

Hwy. # 88-113	\$17,766.59
Gen. # 116-152	\$44,050.96
Hwy. Abstracts 12 & 13	\$ 9,230.22
Gen. Abstracts 12 & 13	\$18,578.68

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Town Board then decided to move to Executive Session with the Highway Superintendent regarding Personnel and possible litigation. Executive Session is usually held at end of meeting, but a storm is in the forecast and the Highway Superintendent may need to go to work. MOTION made at 7:10 PM by Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Hill, all ayes. Executive Session ended at 7:30 PM with no decisions made. MOTION to return to regular meeting made by Messrs. Higgins & Hill, all ayes.

Re-bid truck-

## RESOLUTION NO. 73 OF 2006

## RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RE-BID OF TRUCK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the clerk to put the 1987 Ford dump truck out for bid once again.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Brant Lake Cemetery fencing- Board decided to invite bids for fencing in the Brant Lake Cemetery. Money from bequest from Alta Bean estate will be used for the fencing.

**RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2006**

Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Higgins introduced Res. 74 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR CEMETERY FENCING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize advertising for fencing for the Brant Lake Cemetery. The Town will invite bids once it is determined how much fencing will be needed.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Watering tub repair- The watering tub needs repair work done. Supervisor Bentley has a price quote for \$2,500.00 from Daryl Clute for re-pointing and repair. Councilwoman Hayes said her opinion is that we need to go to bid,

**RESOLUTION NO. 75 OF 2006**

Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Olson introduced Res. 75 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR WATERING TUB REPAIR**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize advertising for bids for the repair of the watering tub. Bids will be advertised once specs have been prepared.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Landfill Employee- Application on file at Town Hall from last advertising.

**RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2006**

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 76 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE NEW LANDFILL EMPLOYEE**

WHEREAS, the Landfill Supervisor has requested a new part time employee be hired for the landfill and the Town Clerk has on file an application from when position was advertised, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Linda Hammond to work at least two days a week at the landfill for \$8.55 per hour.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-abstain, Bentley-aye

Justice Court software- Request from Justice Clerk for software and training.

**RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2006**

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Hill introduced Res. 77 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE & TRAINING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Court Clerk to purchase the IMPACT Court software, installation data conversion and training from Admit Computer Services, Inc. for a price of \$800.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Additional State Assistance for Starbuckville Dam Project-

Mr. Koch provided the Board with a copy of the Joint Resolution for the Board's adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 78 OF 2006**

Messrs. Olson & Higgins introduced Res. 78 and moved its adoption:

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNS OF CHESTER, HORICON  
AND SCHROON REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO SCHROON  
LAKE PARK DISTRICT AND SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR  
ADDITIONAL STATE ASSISTANCE FOR THE  
STARBUCKVILLE DAM PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Schroon Lake Park District was formed by an act of the New York State Legislature set forth at Chapter 688 of The Laws of 1955, AND

WHEREAS, the Towns of Chester, Horicon and Schroon appoint duly authorized Commissioners to govern the District and administer its functions, AND

WHEREAS, the Towns of Chester, Horicon and Schroon wish to reaffirm their commitment to the Schroon Lake Park District in order to ensure that the District Commissioners exercise the necessary care and diligence to fulfill the District's mandate and govern it accordingly in a diligent and attentive manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each Town Board reaffirms the commitment of its respective Town to the Schroon Lake Park District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Town will appoint its duly designated representative Commissioners through careful selection in order to ensure that such representatives are prepared to schedule and attend regular meetings of the District, keep their respective Towns informed of the status of all matters conducted by and coming before the District and otherwise carry out the functions of the District as set forth in its enabling legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Town will also carry out its obligations to the District as set forth in such legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Town supports the District's application for additional State Assistance through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996 Title 3—Sec.56-0311 Dam Safety Project for repair and reconstruction of the Starbuckville Dam and supports such repair project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Town is confident that, through careful selection of conscientious Commissioners, the District will be able to carry out and complete the dam repair project for which additional State Assistance is sought; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution as enacted by the Town Boards of the Town of Chester, Horicon and Schroon shall be forwarded to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for its information in administering the State Assistance Contract referred to above.

Duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Horicon this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Lifeguard for Adirondack Beach- The lifeguard from last year, who told the Town he would be returning this year, has decided to seek employment elsewhere. The Board then introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 79 OF 2006**

Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 79 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE NEW LIFEGUARD FOR ADIRONDACK**

WHEREAS, the Town Board now finds it has a vacancy for a lifeguard at the Adirondack Beach, AND

WHEREAS, the clerk has advertised for lifeguards and has an application from a soon-to-be certified candidate, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Sarah Hill as lifeguard for the Adirondack Beach for eight weeks at a salary of \$10.00 an hour for a 30 hour week.

Hill-abstain, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Privilege of Floor-

Mr. Bill Bruce reported to the Board regarding the need for a New Comprehensive Plan for the Town. Mr. Bruce is aware that no money has been allotted in this year's budget and is requesting money be authorized to fund a comprehensive study of landowners in town. Mr. Bruce said there was enough evidence of interest at last month's meeting, called by the Planning Board, to continue in this direction. Mr. Bruce is requesting the Town Board to re-enforce this effort and authorize funds for a Town wide survey. Councilman Olson asked if this is a mail-out questionnaire? Mr. Bruce said yes. Councilman Olson asked what type of questions would be asked. Mr. Payton said the questions have not been formulated yet, but would include affordable housing and business. Councilman Olson asked if Town Board could review questions before mail-out. Mr. Payton said "of course". Mr. Payton added that they hoped some information could be obtained through e-mail. Mr. Bruce asked that \$3,000.00 be authorized.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 80 OF 2006**

Messrs. Olson & Higgins introduced Res. 80 and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR STUDY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$3,000.00 to fund a comprehensive study of the needs of landowners for future planning for this community.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes (with prior Town Board approval) -aye, Bentley-aye

Veterans Markers- Mr. Johansen asked the Supervisor for money for the 10 markers for the monument. Supervisor Bentley said there is \$1,000.00 in the budget each year and all the Historical Society needs to do is fill out a voucher for payment.

Trees around Pond- Mr. Bolton said that he and Steve Smith are planning to distribute letters in the next few weeks to property owners around the pond regarding the planting of trees. The letters will ask permission to plant a tree and where owner wants it planted. They are asking businesses around Town to fund the trees. Trees (sugar maples) will probably come from Northern Nursery. Supervisor Bentley said that the County has taken down the weeping willows by the dam and has given permission for new trees to be planted.

Highway Garage- Mr. Balz, clerk of the works, gave a report on progress of the project. Mr. Balz would like some input from "Town Fathers/Mother" as to where the building should be located. Mr. Balz feels that most of the site work could be done by Town forces. Direction is needed to move ahead.

After reviewing applications for a ZBA Alternate, the following Resolution was introduced:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 81 OF 2006**

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Higgins introduced Res. 81 and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE ZBA MEMBER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Jason Hill to serve as alternate on the Horicon Zoning Board of Review.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM by MOTION of Mr. Olson & Mrs. Hayes, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

**MAY 31, 2006      SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Shirley Hayes	Councilwoman
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk	
Harry Balz	Clerk of the Works	
Joseph Metzger	Architect for Project	

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting.

Councilman Olson spoke of the many road hazards we have due to the storm yesterday. We need the road damage better marked until the highway can repair it. Councilman Olson said he would be glad to put up more cones near the hazards while the highway is busy elsewhere. Discussion regarding cones being all used and no more available. Councilman Hill said if we need more cones for safety, then order more.

Mr. Balz then asked the Board for direction on the highway garage project. Mr. Balz said the access road should be moved to the west. This can, hopefully be done by the highway. The Board agreed that would probably be best. Discussion about pole shed being taken down (when?) as it will be in the way. Board discussed with Mr. Metzger the material for the building and also size of bays and building. The Board would like to see a masonry building, not metal. Mr. Metzger said the building may not get put up this year and Town may need pole shed for salt over the winter. Councilwoman Hayes asked about cost of putting up a simple pole barn for salt this winter. Councilman Olson said maybe we could salvage enough from present pole barn, or perhaps store our salt with State or County salt. Councilman Olson asked if demolition of pole barn would be contracted out or done by the highway? Councilman Hill said highway is very busy now. Councilman Hill added that he wants the dumping over the edge by the building site stopped.

Discussion followed regarding replacing the retiring highway mechanic. With the cost of salary and benefits, this may not be the best way to go. Further discussion needed. Councilman Hill also wants to contact a junk dealer so we can get rid of some of the "stuff" at the highway garage site.

Mill Pond Fountain- Discussion regarding status of fountain project. There have been many complaints regarding how long the water has been down. Some people who complained say their well water is down, others say business is down, others about the swimming, and still others about the ugliness. Three Board members want the project done NOW, while the pond is down. With a lot of rain predicted, other Board members want to bring the pond back up and maybe mason can do work from a raft. Nature is not working in our favor and the hold up for last weeks is the rain keeping the access road covered with water. Councilman Olson said he has spoken with mason and he does not want to work from raft. Councilman Olson said that mason feels his price to do project, given last year, is low and was based on certain conditions. The Town may have to re-bid project if conditions cannot be met.

The end result of discussion is to keep the Pond down until Monday and see what happens between now and then. On Monday a decision will be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted: Arlene Mayer, Town Clerk